

To whom it may concern,

I strongly object to the proposed plans regarding the re-development of the Sainsburys site on Green Lanes.

This development will undoubtedly add to the existing traffic on green lanes, as there will be more vehicles on the roads. Following the reformed layout to the area following the LTN plans and closure of the Lakes estates, there has been mass uproar from affected residents of the congestion in surrounding the areas of Southgate, Winchmore hill and Palmers Green. This new proposal to redevelop Sainsburys will now add insult to injury for these affected residents of the area and will worsen their predicament. The roads will be an absolute nightmare to navigate, more so than they are currently. The addition of cycle lanes and introduction of the LTN over the last few years has already made travelling around the area an unenjoyable, cumbersome and complicated affair. The travel time to reach places will undoubtedly double, not to mention the extra carbon monoxide emissions caused by the extra vehicles which will pose further respiratory health risks to the residents of the area.

The development will also lead to the destruction of habitat and woodlands- the site is home to at least three different species of woodpecker which are rarely spotted, in addition to oak trees with protection orders. In 1986, the secretary of state allowed planning permission for Sainsburys to be built with the condition that the green space was retained for community use. The green space is especially useful for residents who live in the area who do not have access to a garden.

Furthermore, local facilities will be negatively impacted. With the loss of Fords Grove car park and 14% of parking on Winchmore Hill Broadway having gone, this development will lead to a further loss of revenue for surrounding shops and small local businesses. Business owners have extremely struggled throughout the countless COVID lockdowns- keeping their businesses alive has not been easy or most (and sadly not even possible for others). Just as we are heading out of the COVID crisis, you want to make it harder for customers to visit shops, go to restaurants, support local businesses? It must be made clear that people's livelihoods are at stake.

The list of reasons to abandon these plans are endless.

I trust that you will kindly take into consideration all the above reasons & forfeit this unfair plan which will only lead to more inconvenience.

